

## **APPENDIX C: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

## **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR ACEC MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER BOARDS**

(planning board, conservation commission, and open space committee members in each of the five ACEC municipalities were interviewed in Spring/Summer, 2000)

### **RESOURCE ISSUES**

1. What are the town's primary natural resource issues?
2. Has the town been successful in addressing these issues – why or why not?
3. What is the primary reason for success or the biggest barrier to tackling the issues?

### **REGULATORY TOOLS FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION**

4. What is most effective about your bylaws/regulations for protecting resources? What is missing?
5. What are barriers to improving your existing bylaws or regulations?
6. Do you need any new bylaws or regulations? Have you seen useful models?
7. How readily does the town grant variances? In what instances are they most often used?
8. Is enforcement successful – why or why not? How could it be improved?
9. Do you administer and enforce fines for violations?

### **NONREGULATORY TOOLS FOR RESOURCE PROTECTION**

10. Is there coordination between boards/staff during the project review processes? What do you need to help improve coordination?
11. If you do not currently have a master plan, what are barriers to developing one?
12. Is your open space plan being implemented? What resources do you need to help with implementation?
13. What types of resources or assistance do you need to begin using GIS? In what instances would you find GIS most useful? What other data management and mapping approaches do you use?
14. Does the town apply for grants (Coastal Pollution Remediation, volunteer monitoring, etc)? What are some barriers to seeking funding for the town?
15. Do you receive technical assistance from state or federal agencies? What do you find most useful? What are some needs that could be addressed with this type of assistance?
16. What kinds of training or workshops would be useful for your staff or volunteer boards?
17. Who are the primary stakeholders in your town that are most interested in resource protection?
18. What are other nonregulatory approaches you would like to use for resource protection that we haven't already talked about?

## Notes

